





Welcome

Enjoy panoramic views of Long Island Sound from Eolia, the elegant summer mansion of the Harkness family set on over 230 seaside acres of sweeping lawns. Formal gardens overflow with color and gentle shore breezes transport your guests back to an era of beauty and elegance.

During the cocktail hour, guests languidly stroll through restored historical gardens seduced by the scent of flowers and the rainbow palette of colors. Admiring fountains, Oriental sculptures and hidden gardens, guests slowly wind their way back to the Mansion where they dine by candlelight and enjoy intimate conversation as gentle breezes drift through the rooms. As the sun sinks below the horizon in a dramatic burst of pinks and oranges, your guests gather under the tent to continue the magical evening with dancing and celebration.

Dedicated to weddings, celebrations and conferences, Eolia hosts only one event each day. Your event will be a truly unique, special occasion, which will provide memories for a lifetime.



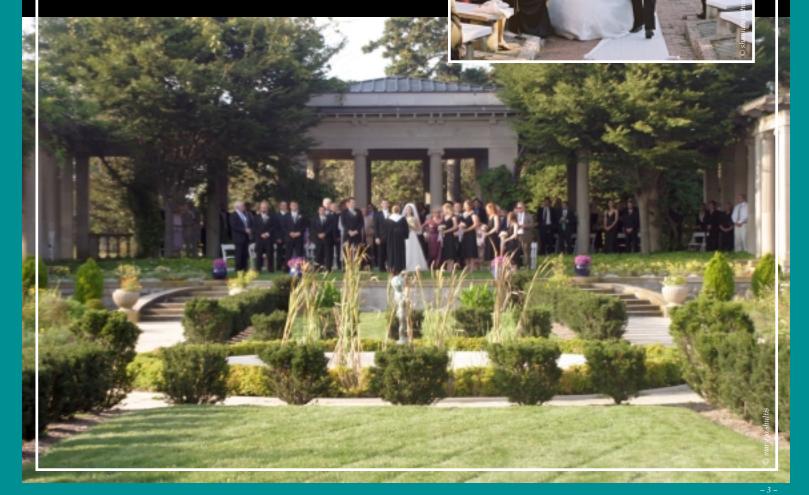
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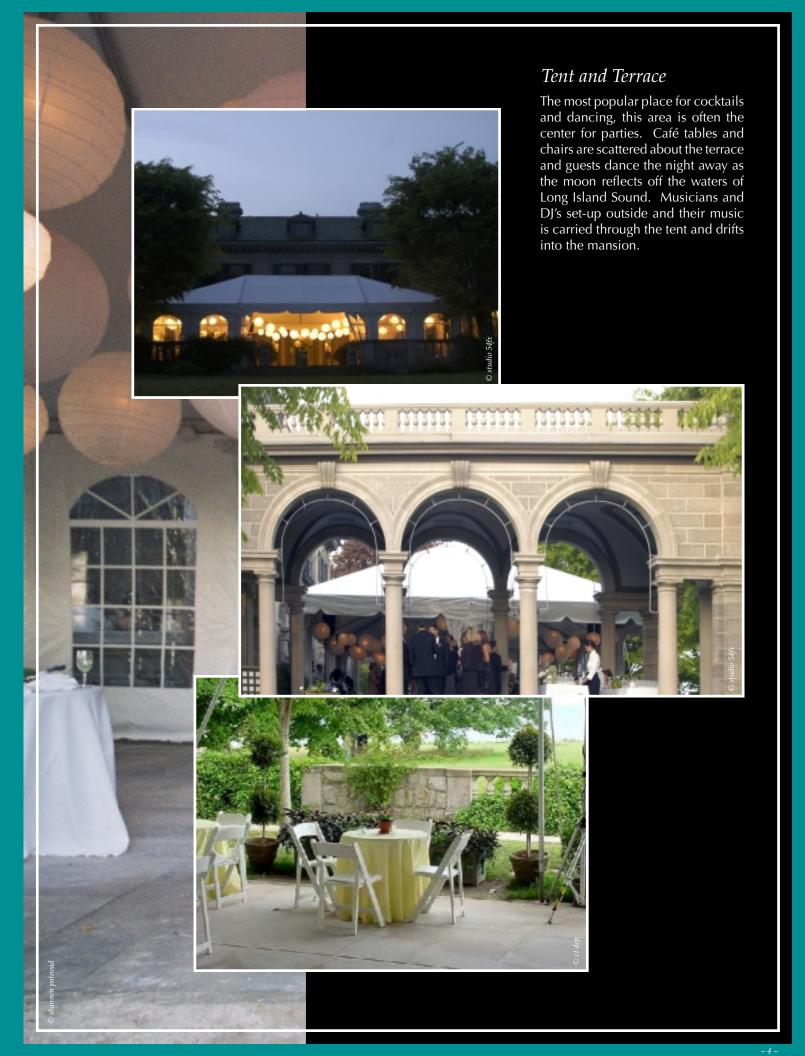
In 1907, Mary and Edward Harkness had the opportunity to select the most beautiful property along the northeast coast for their summer home. They chose this location for its unequalled beauty. Now, we can offer you the same choice for your wedding day. For ceremonies, we offer a choice of two distinctly different locations that provide breathtaking views of the natural seaside landscape of Long Island Sound.

Exchange vows among draping wisteria vines and original Harkness graperies, in the Pergola with covered tearoom. This area, adjacent to the mansion, overlooks a nationally recognized and award winning Italian garden with original sculpture, fountains and pottery. Past the garden, sweeping lawns flow into incomparable views of ocean seascape.

A more natural setting overlooking sand dunes, beach and rolling waves can be found in our open-air, seaside amphitheater. Located next to a wildlife sanctuary, the sights and sounds of the seashore environment overwhelm the senses. The outdoor experience is unparalleled and your guests will revel in the beauty of nature.







Breakfast Room

A favorite room for all our brides, the Breakfast Room has a beautiful painted ceiling depicting four seasons of floral arrangements. Intricate latticework surrounds three sides of expansive windows overlooking the tent and gardens. It is a spectacular location for the cake and offers a quiet backdrop for coffee and desserts.

Music Room

The Music Room has a marble fireplace and ceilings that rise 16 feet above a gleaming hardwood floor. The walls are cream colored and the wood trim a neutral hue inspired by the inside of an oyster shell. Guests dine under dimly lit ornate silver sconces. French doors open out onto the Loggia and to the West Garden.



Bride's Dressing Room

Secreted away on the second floor, this airy room provides a tranquil place for the bride and her wedding party to get ready for the special day. Dramatic memories are captured as she descends the staircase to meet her groom.



History of the Estate

Edward Steven Harkness and his wife Mary Stillman Harkness were the beneficiaries of a fortune amassed by Mr. Harkness's father, who was a silent partner of John D. Rockerfeller in the Standard Oil Company. During their lifetimes, Mr. And Mrs. Harkness donated an estimated \$200 million to various charitable, educational and health-related organizations. In Connecticut, their generosity resulted in buildings at Connecticut College, Yale University and Trinity College. In 1951, the estate was bequeathed to the people of the State of Connecticut.

Today, the estate is managed as a State Park by the Department of Environmental Protection. The 42-room Italianate mansion, designed by the New York architectural firm of Lord and Hewlett, was built in 1906 by William and Jesse Stillman Taylor (sister of Mary Stillman Harkness). Named "Eolia" after the island home of Aeolus, god of the winds, the estate was purchased by Mr. And Mrs. Harkness in 1907. Architect James Gamble Rogers and his firm designed interior renovations, the Pergola and the Carriage House. The Greenhouses were designed by Lord and Burnham. Eolia was one of six Harkness residences.

James Gamble Rogers' firm designed the layout and pathways of the west garden. Between 1918 and 1929, Beatrix Farrand created a new planting plan for the west garden and designed and installed the East Garden, the Boxwood Parterre and the Alpine Rock Garden. The garden design combines Mrs. Farrand's innovative use of plant materials and textures with Mrs. Harkness' color preferences and extensive collection of Oriental garden statuary.

In 1999, Harkness Memorial State Park received the prestigious Millennium Medallion Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects.









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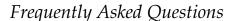
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◆ Do you provide catering or may I bring my own?

We have an approved list of caterers to select from. Our caterers have catered here often and have demonstrated that they are dedicated to creating memorable days for our brides. Working directly with the caterer, you can customize your menu and incorporate your personal tastes. Whether you want an elaborate formal sit-down dinner, a simple buffet or custom stations presenting the latest culinary trends, our caterers will help you create the reception of your dreams.

◆ What is included in the rental fee?

We provide a tent that covers the limestone terrace and is 30'x50' with 10' high sides with cathedral windows. Lighting is provided around the perimeter of the tent. We have an extensive inventory of tables and Chivari chairs for the Mansion interior as well as tables and chairs for use on the terrace. Ample parking is reserved for your guests. Additionally, we provide insurance to our renters.

 ◆ How long may I utilize the Mansion?
 The Mansion rental period is 7 ½ hours. Two hours are included for setup, five hours for the event, and 1/2 hour for breakdown. Additional time may be purchased.

◆ What is the capacity of the Mansion? The Mansion can accommodate 150 guests.

◆ What is the delivery, set-up and pick-up schedule? Two hours are provided for set-up of the Mansion. Vendors have access during this time and all deliveries should be scheduled during this time. All rentals must be picked up prior to 10:00am the following morning. Unfortunately, we are unable to store any rentals or decorations.





Frequently Asked Questions

◆ How is liquor service handled?

Your caterer or a licensed liquor vendor can bring in the alcohol. The caterer will provide trained bartending staff and is responsible for coordinating and supervising alcohol service. Alcoholic beverages must be served free of charge and tip solicitation is prohibited. Kegs of beer are not permitted. Alcohol service will end one half hour before the event is scheduled to conclude.

♦ Is there someone from the Mansion on-site throughout my event? Our staff is here during your wedding to take care of the building and assist your vendors; in general, to make your day stress-free and your event run smoothly. We are also happy to help you and work with you along the way. We have seen many beautiful weddings at our facility and we know what works and what doesn't.

♦ Can the Mansion host wedding ceremonies? Included with your mansion rental is the Oceanside amphitheater. Your guests are seated on rustic wooden benches with Long Island Sound as the backdrop. The Pergola is available for ceremonies for an additional fee. In the event of inclement weather, ceremonies may be held under the tent.

◆ Is the building air-conditioned?

The building is not air-conditioned but being by the water, we are always treated to a gentle breeze that keeps the building cool even on a summer evening. The Mansion is heated for events held during cooler months.

◆ Are candles allowed?
We allow candles as long as they are fully enclosed in hurricane globes, votive cups or similar holders.









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From Hartford area: take Route 91 southbound onto Route 9 south. It will merge with Route 95, go northbound on Route 95, take Exit 75. Bear right at the end of the exit, you will be on Route 1. Proceed 3 miles to the light at Avery Lane (Route 213), turn right and follow to the park. Avery Lane will become Great Neck Road. The park will be on your right.

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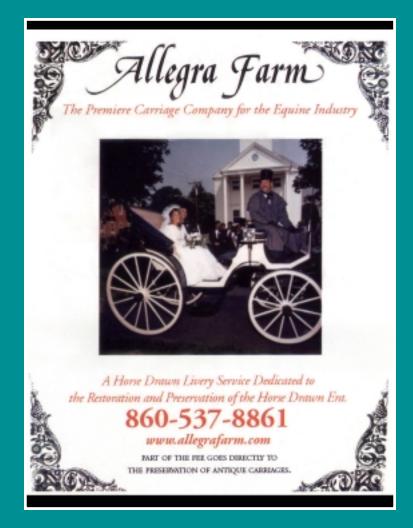
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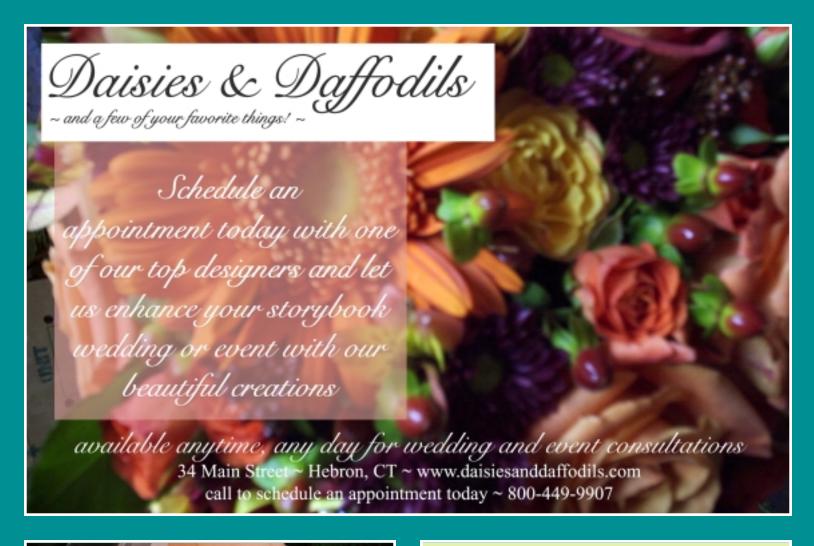
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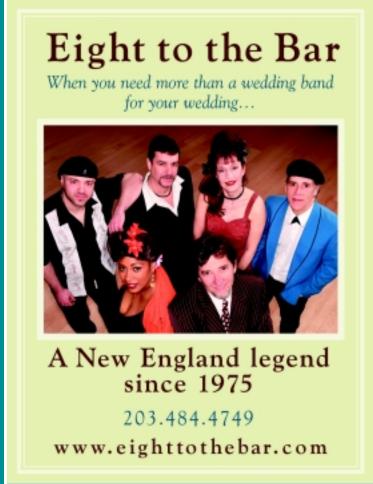
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